

RUSSIANS HEAR JAPS LOST 7000 MEN IN BATTLE

Private Telegram From Port Arthur
to St. Petersburg Tells of Repulse
of Mikado's Forces at Mouth of the
Yalu River.

STORY NOT CONFIRMABLE,
WAR OFFICE NOT INFORMED

Reports of Severe Engagement Come
From Many Sources, Indicating
There Is Probably Heavy Fighting
—Another Russian Vessel Sunk by
Port Arthur Mines.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23.—
A rumor is current in this city that
the Japanese suffered heavy losses
while attempting to land near the
mouth of the Yalu river.

According to the report, which is
said to be based on a private tele-
gram from Port Arthur, the Jap-
anese lost 7000 men.

The story is not confirmable at
this hour.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 23 (8 p. m.).
The Associated Press is authoritatively
informed that the government has no ad-
vice supporting the rumors of heavy
fighting on the Yalu river.

Special Cable to the Post-Dispatch.
LONDON, April 23.—It is considered ab-
solutely certain that the first heavy fighting
of the Russo-Japanese war is being done
on the Yalu, although a St. Petersburg
dispatch by the Associated Press says:
"Everything reported quiet from theater of
war at 2:36 p. m."

The Shanghai correspondent of the Post
says he hears that the first Japanese army
has crossed the Yalu almost without op-
position, and the Chronicle's correspondent
at Seoul says that heavy fighting has oc-
curred, but that for strategic reasons it is
impossible to send particulars.

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THE LIGHTS ON THE FAIR.

BY ROSE MARION

THEY were Turks—one woman and five
men—and they were interested in
the Chinese building. I had just
come from the latter place. They wanted
to know what I had seen.

"You wouldn't know one if you saw him,"
said the Chinese. "Remember the man at the
door. He's one."

"Yes," I replied, "what did you think
he was?"

"No," said I, "not wishing to explain that
I preferred 'bobbies' any day in the week
to just 'londaks'."

"It may be reasonable to talk about
trading Jefferson Guards for 'bobbies,' but
wait until you see a 'bobby'."

"PLEASE tell me what building this
is," asked a woman sightseer of
a man that knows the fair.

"This is the Fish, Game and Forestry ex-
hibition," he replied. "When the stones have
been placed in the building, it's a fine building,"
she remarked, "but don't you know I'm somewhat
disappointed in the fair. It's not so large as I
supposed it would be."

The man looked at her wonderingly. Reason-
ing from his own past knowledge of the
extent of the Exposition he wondered
how anybody could be disappointed in that
line.

He stopped and talked to her.
Before many sentences had been ex-
changed he discovered something.
She hadn't more than a small frac-
tion of the "greatest show this side of
Mars."

He had been spending her morning walking
around the foreign building colony and the
administration building. No cascades, no
fountains, no all the rest of it had she seen.
The man explained to her that she was
only on the outer edge of the fair and
started her in the right direction.

Now he thinks he's a missionary.

WOULD you love to go "green-
ing"? That's a favorite pastime
in Ceylon. Rather a profitable one
also.

All you need is a mesh basket and trowel
and a small amount of money to pay the
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POLICE JUSTICE FINES HIS SON

Magistrate Role of Alton Emulated
The Example of the Late Mr.
Brutus of Rome.

Police Magistrate Rose was yesterday
called upon to try his own son on a peace
disturbance charge.

He found the boy guilty and assessed a
fine of \$3 and costs against him, which the
boy paid.

Young Rose engaged in a fight with John
Barnes, an employee of the Rubenstein junk
shop.

Rose charges Barnes with drawing a re-
volver on him before the fight started.

Barnes makes counter charges. The
trial of Barnes will embrace a charge of
carrying concealed weapons and will be up
before Squire Nathan.

FILIPINO CRADLE IS EMPTY
Incubator Treatment Fails to Save
Little Louisa Francis Eihlanag,
Native of Cebu.

The little cradle, made of a wire let-
ter basket filled with cotton, where
little Louisa Francis Eihlanag, has lain
since Friday afternoon, is empty.

Louisa died Friday afternoon, Maternity
hospital, at the age of three years and
three months. She was a native of Cebu,
Philippines.

Louisa's mother, who is only 12 years
old, and who is also at the home, is
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BURIED IN COFFIN TRIMMED IN GOLD

Henry Eggert Spent Little While Liv-
ing, but Was Royally
Interred.

The funeral was conducted from Dom-
hoff's undertaking rooms to Mount
Cemetery. Although there was not a large
following of friends, there have been few
deaths in East St. Louis which exceed
this one in point of expense and beauty.

The casket alone cost \$100. It was a
metallic casket, with trimmings in gold.
It was hermetically sealed and was placed
in a vault of cement, which was also
hermetically sealed.

The flowers and everything connected
with the funeral corresponded with the
casket—very nearly as good as money could
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PROPERTY OWNERS SUBJECT TO STABLE

Fashionable West Pine Boulevard
Protests Against Police De-
partment Plans.

Property owners in the neighborhood of
West Pine boulevard and Newstead avenue
and the adjacent blocks are protesting
against the erection of a mounted police
station on Newstead avenue at the corner
of the alley between West Pine and La-
cleda avenue, for which a lot 100x100 feet
has been purchased by the police depart-
ment.

Five petitions are being circulated and
about 70 residents have affixed their sig-
natures to the protests.

The leader in the movement is Frank P.
Hays of the firm of Little & Hays, 211
North Fourth street, who lives at 638 West
Pine boulevard.

Others interested who have signed are
Judge Daniel Dillon, Dr. J. Dooley, D. Som-
mers, vice-president of the Fourth National
Bank; C. D. Johnson, vice-president and
general manager of the Frost-Triple Lum-
ber Co., and both R. H. and W. G. Loge-
man.

In speaking of the matter Saturday
morning Mr. Hays said that the action of
the police department came as a great sur-
prise and the erection of the police sta-
tion would be vigorously fought by resi-
dents in the neighborhood.

He said that property owners in his ac-
tion of the city were the first to act fa-
vorably upon the recommendation of the
street department in the matter of adopt-
ing bituminous macadam for West End
streets. They approved the plan and the
erection of the police station and they feel
that they are not being treated fairly in
not being consulted as to the site for a po-
lice station.

One of the facts that great opposition
developed later to this kind of pavement
for other streets. The fact should be re-
membered, they assert.

They claim that there is no pressing need
for one in the neighborhood and that the
necessity for it in that part of the
West End.

The petition being circulated recites that
in the opinion of the signers property in
the vicinity will be irreparably injured and
cause a decrease in valuations if the sta-
tion is erected.

The petitioners met with William G. Fry,
president of the Board of Police Commis-
sioners, Saturday noon to discuss the mat-
ter in order that it may be presented at
the next meeting of the board.

BIFF, BANG! WENT CARS.
Nobody Was Hurt, but There Was
Lots of Noise on King's Highway.

There was very little interference with
traffic when two cars collided at 6:30
o'clock Saturday morning, for one of
the cars was loaded with workmen carrying
planks, and they fell upon the wreckage
and speedily cleared the track.

The passenger car got much the worst
of the collision, and the driver was in-
jured.

None of the workmen was hurt but, J.
Maras, conductor on their car, suffered a
slight injury to one of his knees.

Beautiful Girls
Wanted in West End. The Pike. The
four handsome young ladies in St. Louis
are ticket holders for the Shoot-the-Chutes
at "Chutes," 706 Bank of Commerce
building.

WOULD AMOUNT TO \$10,000.
Suburban Company Objects to As-
sessment of One Mill Per Fare.

Following the action of the St. Louis
Transit Co. the St. Louis & Suburban Co.
has filed a petition in the St. Louis court
for an injunction to restrain the il-
legal assessment from levying a tax of
one mill on each fare collected, as provided
under the municipal ordinances passed
March 15.

The company holds this tax which for the
Suburban Co. would amount to nearly \$10-
000 a year, and that his mind soon began to
crackle.

Rheumatism, more painful in this climate
than any other affliction, cured by pre-
scription No. 281 by Elmer & Amend.

FOUR INDICTED FOR MURDER.
Crime Was Committed on the 13th
and Quartet Must Answer.

The grand jury Saturday morning re-
turned indictments charging Edward

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A PAPER SOLD EVERY DAY
FOR EVERY HOME IN THE CITY.

The President never could see any glimmer in silence.
Parker, peace, prosperity. We must "mind our p's and q's."
The gas and transit companies go on tearing things up.
"What can we do?"
No one will blame Uncle Robert Roosevelt for standing by his nephew. Blood is thicker than politics.
Mr. Roosevelt says that Jefferson was the father of secession. Was the secession of Panama Jeffersonian?
Mr. Cannon's confession that he is "treating his six wives more coldly of late is another evidence that true love hardly ever runs smoothly."
A man's eye was put out by a ball of April snow thrown into a street car. It is easy to see, from this, that there should be more police attention for the snowballing abuse.
With Gen. Miles for President and Carry Nation for Vice-president, the prohibition ticket would be headed by a magnificent combination of warriors—the sword wielder and the hatchet thrower.

THE FOREST PARK BOND.

Only one week remains before the opening of the World's Fair, and the question of guaranteeing the restoration of Forest Park is unsettled.
The mayor has withdrawn from the Council the proffered second lien upon the Exposition gate receipts as an unsatisfactory substitute for a bond. But no bond has been offered.
Under the ordinance the city has the power to keep the gates of the Exposition closed until a satisfactory guarantee is given.
Is the Exposition management to be permitted to open the gates without guaranteeing the restoration of the park? Is the city to be placed in a helpless position?
What does Mayor Wells intend to do to protect the citizens' rights? The time is short. He must act with vigor or he will be powerless to guard the city against heavy loss; the park may be turned back to the municipality in a chaotic condition.

Citizens who "clean up" are like Mrs. Partington, who tried to sweep back the Atlantic ocean with a broom. Until public service corporations can be persuaded not to turn the streets upside down and cover all ways with yellow mud, the efforts of citizens will be unsatisfactory.

FEMINIZE THE TOWN.

The Women's Civic Improvement League of Kalamazoo, Mich., has taken the contract to clean the downtown streets of that city.
Friends of civic improvement are driven to this step. Municipal cleanliness, moral and material, has gone to rot in the care of men, and the only visible alternative is the feminization of the public service.

Whether or not women will do better than men can be ascertained only by experiment. In St. Louis, for instance, would women have saved the streets from the predatory expeditions of public service corporations? Would the Goins and Vandals issuing from the fastnesses of corruption have been hurled back? Would the millions of public wealth stolen by bribe-givers and bribe-takers have been rescued from the barbarians?

Anyhow, men have failed. If the women think they can save the state and cleanse the public plat, inside as well as outside, why not let them try their hand? They can't make things worse than they are.

Continuing the work of making Post-Dispatch readers acquainted in advance with the best and most curious features of the World's Fair, Sunday's Post-Dispatch Magazine contains two striking color pages. Marvelous and costly lace that will be exhibited will especially interest women. The photographer and color artist have reproduced these lace with wonderful fidelity. An ancient turquoise mine, to be worked by New Mexican Indians at the Fair, is the subject of the other color page. Judge Parker, from babyhood to the present day—a double page story, with a wealth of illustration, is both timely and informing. Many other new and interesting features round out a Magazine number which, with the news and coming sections, make this week's Sunday Post-Dispatch the best newspaper published in the West.

UNLIMITED MONOPOLY POWER.

Two great advantages are claimed for the Laclede Gas Co., the lighting combine of this city, in its bond prospectus: A perpetual charter.
The power to fix the price of gas at will, without regulation by the city or state.
These are great advantages indeed! They constitute a monopoly with unlimited power—a power to tax which cannot safely be entrusted to any corporation or any set of men, no matter how good their intentions.

It is said that persons in perfect health radiate pink. There will be fine opportunities for observation in the World's Fair grounds. The more Mississippi water they drink, the pinker will be their radiation.

GETTING USED TO THINGS.

A contractor's engineer, writing to protest against the Post-Dispatch's criticism of city officials responsible for the horrible condition of the streets, says of the Cabanne district that "the reason there has been so much complaint is that the people reading here have never been through such experiences before. If they had they would have understood that they have really been inconvenienced very little."

There's something in this. If a man never has been used to the decencies of life he won't be inconvenienced by their absence. So, a community which has been hardened and caloused by a generation of the grossest municipal incompetence will come to like it and actually prefer yellow mud to smooth asphalt and nice, hard granite walks.

There is nothing like being used to a thing.
The Post-Dispatch has no word of rebuke for contractors, who try to make what they can in their business. Its censures are directed exclusively to the municipal officials who neglect the public interests, which they are appointed to protect. But, as our correspondent suggests, when we get used to official ineptitude, as we shall after another generation of home administration, we shall not want anything else.

His Own Property.
"Jagley slept in the lock-up last night, I believe. Drunk and disorderly, eh?"
"No!" He says he is guilty of arson."
"What?"
"He thinks that sounds better. He was burning his money, you know."—Philadelphia Press.

We Know the Worst.



Capt. Jinks: This Russian-Japanese fracas promises to be the proverbial hades. Commodore Binks: Fshaw! It won't be anything to the jolly row that'll begin when the post-bellum investigating committees get in their deadly work.

The Knight's Sympathy.

I'm for the little dog in the fight.
And I'm for the little man
Who goes to battle with all his might.
Doing the best he can
Against the giant whose arms are strong—
Or, rather, let me explain.
I'm for the little man, right or wrong.
If I have nothing to gain.

'Tis the feeling of knightliness in my heart
That makes me a partisan,
That prompts me to take the weak one's part.
To cheer for the little man.
Hurrah for the grit that assails dull might;
Fate prosper its brave design;
Fate for the little dog in the fight—
If the big dog isn't mine.
—S. E. Kiser in Chicago Record-Herald.

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Indeed, he freely acknowledged his Responsibility, and gave some Two Hundred Millions for the foundation of Schools.
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"Girls who get schooling enough are never really young."—Life.

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Such was the beautiful American's agitation that she could utter only a few small checks.
But they were enough to betray the secret of her heart.
With a cry of joy his Grace folded her in his arms and kissed her an hundred times.—Puck.

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The Imperturbable St. Louisan
No. 7—As a Strap Hanger.



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A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY.

Let every man be occupied, and occupied in the highest employment of which his nature is capable, and die with the consciousness that he has done his best.
SIDNEY SMITH.



She: Is Mrs. Berrymore, the widow, very cultivated?
He: O, yes. Her weeds have disappeared entirely.

Keeping Up With Progress.

From the Pittsburgh Dispatch.
Justice Brewer of the United States Supreme Court drew this illustration in his Chicago lecture.
"The marvelous inventions have revolutionized all our ways. King James' version is superseded by the Woman's Bible. St. Paul has given way to St. Anthony. Mergers, combinations are in order. Strangely enough, in the days of trusts we cannot trust ourselves to hold or own railroad stock, and so organize a Northern Securities Co. to hold them for us. A new literature possesses us. Everything must be up to date. The minister finding in the hymn book the rhyme:
"Oh, may my heart in tune be found
Like David's harp for solemn sound,"
and believing the harp an out-of-date instrument, changed the lines to the following:
"Oh, may my heart be tuned within
Like David's sacred violin."
The chorister, not to be outdone, rewrote them thus:
"Oh, may my heart go diddle-diddle
Like unto David's sacred diddle."
"I do not know who the chorister was—perhaps his name was Trigg."

GETTING TO THE FAIR FROM SOUTH SIDE.

Citizens of the South Side are in great need of a car line direct to the Fair grounds, starting east of Eighteenth street and south of Park avenue. As it is, west-bound cars of the North Side are crowded with passengers before reaching Jefferson. The fare is a nuisance, and the transfer people will be left to chance for reaching the Fair grounds.
There should be at least one car line from our part of the city with a transfer necessary, that the people can get to the Fair grounds without first going to the city center. We are without the elevated cars and boats of the Chicago fair, we remember. Please give us a lift in this undertaking and oblige, MANY SOUTHSIDERS.

POST-DISPATCH ANSWERS.

Legal questions not answered. Business addresses not given. No bets decided. Don't sign "Subscriber," or "Constant Reader;" use initials or enough. Address all letters, "Answers, Post-Dispatch, City."

MARIE—Ask in Administration building.
A. U.—Folk was on president of the Jefferson Club.
V. H.—Eads bridge, owned and controlled by Terminal association.

EL—Government pays fare of soldier on furlough, and his pay goes on.
MARY.—The government 5 per cents expiring in 1944 were coupon bonds and registered bonds.

W. H. H. H.—The present marriage license law of Missouri was enacted in 1881—approved March 24.
ALLEN POPE.—The districts of the United States, the District of Columbia and the District of Alaska.

FISH EGGS—Bake in pan 20 or 30 minutes, same as chicken, using enough water to keep them moist.
OZARK.—It was estimated in 1890 that 27.7 per cent of the human race speaks the English language.

J. W.—Courts are open all the time except during the summer vacation when you can sue for divorce on any day of the year.
OX.—Naval academy examinations were on April 19, 20 and 21. The rest is a government secret, not revealed to the press of St. Louis.

I. P.—Write Senator Wm. J. Stone, 205 New Jersey avenue, Washington, D. C., for information in regard to Mulanphy Bank settlement.

T. H.—The young woman does not invite the young man to call. If she has no acknowledged chaperon he may politely ask permission to do so.

C. D.—No seagoing warship visited St. Louis previous to the coming of the Nautilus, which was here only a few days, beginning May 10, 1899.

C. D.—If of age, marriage license applicants require no witnesses.
LOUIS.—St. Louis is on the Missouri boundary east of the shore of the Pacific ocean.

C. D. W.—Some candidates vote for themselves—especially candidates for the Missouri legislature. There is nothing improper in the vote of a conscientious candidate for himself.

Z. K.—As an adult person can see the World's Fair and all its pleasures for \$20.50, a boy of 12 ought to see something less, but the side shows do not announce hair prices for boys. You can see all the buildings and exhibits for 25 cents.

ST. ANGE.—The chair rollers will be guides other than the Jefferson guards. Maj. T. S. Clarkson has a number of blue serge uniforms. Guards and guides will be in duty as they may be needed.

M.—Uniform of Lieutenant-colonel in our civil war: dark blue frock coat, 2 rows of 7 army buttons each down the front; dark blue trousers, 2 rows of 7 army buttons each down the front; dark blue shoulder straps, 2 silver oak leaves on blue field; black felt slouch hat or French cap.

M.—If there are to be accommodations for bicycles at the World's Fair they will have to be outside the grounds, upon which no bicycles are to be allowed. There will be no "automobile" in the head of Tammany since Tuesday, John Keller, Richard Croker, John Sheehan, Lewis F. Nixon, Jr., Charles H. Murphy.

MANY GREEKS.—In 1859 M. Zaimis was Greek prime minister and minister for foreign affairs, but in November of that year the ministry was reformed and in 1860 no prime minister is mentioned in the Greek list of ministers. The minister for foreign affairs was Theodore P. Delianakis.

A. D.—Kerosene will not injure your scalp if you keep your head away from fire and do not cover it closely with anything.
C. H. HEAGAN.—In Missouri deer may not be killed between Jan. 1 and Oct. 1; wild turkey, quail, pheasant, pinnated grouse (prairie chicken), ruffed grouse by quail between Jan. 1 and Nov. 1; woodcock, turtle dove, meadow lark or plover, between Jan. 1 and Aug. 1; wild duck between April 1 and Oct. 1. Wild geese and wild turkeys may not be shot between August and sunrise. Wild song birds or insectivorous birds may not be killed at any season of the year. Quail, pinnated grouse, prairie chicken, deer or wild turkey may not be sold or bought before 1904. This does not apply to game shipped into Missouri from any other state or territory. Shipping of any of the above named game killed in the state from one county to another is forbidden. A resident of Missouri is forbidden to kill, trap, ensnare or net any of the above named game or deer, muskrat, otter, beaver, mink, marten or other furred animal in the state. Fine for shooting on Sunday, \$50.

From the Clarksville (Mo.) Piker.
The nomination of Judge Parker for the presidency by the Democratic convention at St. Louis seems probable. This is assured by the action of the Empire state, taken this week, in electing for him, and presiding, the unit rule in the delegation. Judge Parker's warmest supporters, outside of New York, will be found in the South.

Between that section of our country and the first state in the Union there has ever existed a strong and mutual sympathy. It is difficult to account for this fact except upon the theory of trade relations and consequent association.

The southern states, since the government began, have furnished the bulk of the Democratic electoral vote, and when they form an alliance with the most powerful state of the Union, they become very nearly the ruling factor in the national convention, even when the balance of the country is against them. But in the present instance this is not the case. A number of states in the Northeast will declare for Parker.

It is not probable that this combined strength in the convention will be sufficient to elect Parker. The necessary two-thirds majority appears to be not so distant as it seems. But there appears to be no violent opposition to Parker in any other section, while the impression concerning his personality is exceedingly favorable.

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